LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: September 28, 2004, Work Session AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5C

CONSENT: REGULAR: CLOSED SESSION: (Confidential)

ACTION: INFORMATION: X

ITEM TITLE: Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) and Kemper Street Station/Greyhound

RECOMMENDATION: None.

<u>SUMMARY:</u> GLTC became the local Greyhound Agent for Lynchburg in 2000. It was the intent of GLTC to operate this division without additional subsidy, and to ensure that Greyhound revenues covered the operating costs of the division, and if possible, generate net revenue to provide additional local match funds. In FY 2004, GLTC's Greyhound division operated at a loss using a 100% cost allocation model.

GLTC has taken steps to reduce expenditures (reducing hours, pay and benefits), and the division is currently operating in "the black" albeit at a small margin. GLTC does not anticipate any significant revenue increases from Greyhound. GLTC is monitoring the on-going financial condition of its Greyhound operation, and should it operate at a loss, management will recommend to the Board that it cease being the area's Greyhound agent.

Additionally, GLTC staff has observed increasing numbers of homeless individuals in and around the facility as well as other suspect activity. These activities have increased the need for more aggressive monitoring of the facility and both routine and heavy cleaning. Given its minimal operating profit, GLTC does not have the financial wherewithal to either police the area or provide effective cleaning functions to the entire facility. GLTC cannot assume these burdens without operating the location at a revenue loss. The Police Department has been notified of the activity at the Kemper Street facility.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: Possible additional expenditures for policing and custodial services.

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ATTACHMENT(S): None

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